

district. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the SUNY Cortland Men's Lacrosse Team and wishing them the best of luck in their future athletic and scholarly endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Monday, June 15, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 336 (Motion to Suspend the rules and Agree to H. Res. 430), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 337 (Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H.R. 2325), "nay" on rollcall vote No. 338 (Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to HR. 729).

IN REMEMBRANCE OF REV. DR. C.
B. T. SMITH

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Rev. Dr. C. B. T. Smith who passed away on Saturday, June 13, 2009. Rev. Smith served the congregation of Golden Gate Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, for over 45 years and was regarded nationally as a leading theologian and skilled minister.

Rev. Smith was born as one of 14 children to a sharecropper and a maid, and at the age of 20, he felt a profound call of service to God. In 1952, he became a pastor at Golden Gate Missionary Baptist Church and began what would become a career spanning almost five decades. Rev. Smith married Rosie Lee Hartfield, on January 2, 1943, and they remained together for over fifty years until her passing on April 15, 2008. He is survived by several god children and three sisters-in-law.

As a pastor, Rev. Smith was a powerhouse in the Dallas area. One of the central points of his ministry was to ensure that the church adapted to the changing social needs of the community. When Rev. Smith saw that many African American men were suffering from alcohol and drug addiction, he developed a program to focus on counseling and rehabilitation. Through his career, Golden Gate Missionary Baptist Church saw the creation of many ministries and fellowship programs including a Children's Ministry, a Marriage and Counseling Program, and a Senior's Fellowship Program, among others.

Today, Golden Gate Missionary Baptist Church is one of the most vibrant congregations in Dallas with thanks in large part to the lifelong work of Rev. Dr. C. B. T. Smith. I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in remembering and honoring the work and life of this great man who made a difference in the lives

of so many individuals. He will be deeply missed.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF BARBARA RINGER

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of Barbara Alice Ringer, who served as Register of Copyrights from November 19, 1973 through May 30, 1980, and was the first woman to hold this position. Ms. Ringer was known for her enduring modesty, her dedication to authors and artists, and her unsurpassed expertise in the field of copyright law.

Ms. Ringer was born in Lafayette, Indiana on May 29, 1925. Ms. Ringer earned a Bachelor's and a Master's degree from George Washington University, and then went on to become one of a handful of women to receive a Juris Doctor degree from Columbia Law School in 1949.

Following her graduation from law school, Ms. Ringer joined the Copyright Office as an examiner, and worked her way up through the ranks of the Copyright Office, serving as Head of the Renewal and Assignment Section, Chief of the Examining Division, Assistant Register of Copyrights for Examining, and Assistant Register of Copyrights.

In 1971, after 22 years of service to the Copyright Office, five of which were as the second in command of the Office, Ms. Ringer was passed over for promotion to Register of Copyrights. Ms. Ringer challenged this decision and filed a discrimination suit. While the suit was pending, Ms. Ringer served as Director of the Copyright Division of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris.

A federal hearing revealed that there was a consistent pattern of discrimination within the Library of Congress, and that Ms. Ringer had been passed over because of her gender and because she had always vocally supported the promotion of African Americans in the Copyright Office. This ultimately led a federal judge to order that she be named Register of Copyrights. She went on to serve as Register from November 19, 1973, until her retirement in 1980; she was later called back to serve as Acting Register again, from 1993–1994.

Ms. Ringer's most notable accomplishment was the Copyright Act of 1976. Ms. Ringer was one of its chief architects and was the principal author of the Act, which brought sweeping changes and needed updates to United States copyright law. Her efforts, which culminated in passage of the Act, spanned 20 years and involved countless hours forging compromises between parties with conflicting interests and educating Members of Congress on the complexities of copyright law. In 1977, Ms. Ringer received the President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service for her work related to the Act.

Barbara Ringer passed away at the age of 83 on April 9, 2009, in Lexington, Virginia. In keeping true to her passion for service, she donated upon her death her personal collec-

tion of 20,000 movies and 1,500 books on film to the Library of Congress. On behalf of the American people, thank you Ms. Ringer; you are missed.

REMEMBERING BARBARA RINGER

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, a remarkable and pioneering lady, Ms. Barbara A. Ringer, the ninth Register of Copyrights, passed away earlier this year.

The first woman to serve as the head of the United States Copyright Office, which is part of the Library of Congress, Ms. Ringer served as an example of the profound, positive impact that a single individual can have in improving the lives and circumstances of others.

While her professional duties meant that she spent the overwhelming majority of her time and personal energy focused on promoting and protecting the rights of authors, composers, songwriters and performers, her passion for justice was not limited to these concerns.

My distinguished colleague, the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, described some of Ms. Ringer's broader efforts in this regard in his remarks that were offered a few moments ago.

When the Washington Post reported on Ms. Ringer's passing, the headline read "Force Behind New Copyright Law". That headline is telling in at least two respects.

First, Ms. Ringer was truly the indomitable catalyst and indispensable person who motivated Congress to enact The Copyright Act of 1976, the first and only major revision of the code since the enactment of the 1909 Copyright Act nearly seven decades before. Ms. Ringer was a visionary who foresaw the impact of technological progress on the rights of individual creators. As the principal author of the 1976 Act, she succeeded to a remarkable degree in promoting principles that both strengthened the rights of authors and provided affirmative protections, for the first time, to users for the "fair use" of copyrighted works.

Second, in referring to the 1976 Act, the Post characterized a law that is now more than three decades old as the "New Copyright Law." This characterization indicates how difficult it is to balance all the competing interests and shepherd a bill that affects so many individuals and entities to enactment and yet this remarkable lady did precisely that through the sheer power of her intellect, commitment, perseverance and strategic abilities.

In closing, I ask that I be permitted to place into the RECORD two documents. The first is the Washington Post article, which I referred to earlier. The second is a Special Edition of Copyright Notices dated April 2009, which was authored by Judith Nieman and does an excellent job of chronicling the life and achievements of Ms. Ringer.

For both those who knew her and those who benefit unknowingly from her tremendous and dedicated efforts, Ms. Ringer has left an indelible legacy that is worthy of public recognition.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAJ. MICHAEL S. AVEY FOR EXEMPLARY AND DEDICATED SERVICE IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of an outstanding soldier and my good friend, Maj. Michael S. Avey, whose exemplary and dedicated service as a Congressional Liaison Officer in support of the United States House of Representatives stands as a testament to the honor and excellence of the United States Army.

A native of Redford, Michigan, Maj. Avey joined the United States Army House Liaison Division in January of 2008, following the completion of his one-year post as a Staff Action Officer with the United States Army Joint Staff. Maj. Avey's prior military experience also includes distinguished service in Bosnia-Herzegovina as part of Stabilization Force 8 and deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, during which he commanded the A/2-327th Infantry Regiment with distinction. In recognition of his distinguished service, Maj. Avey has received several military awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star Medal, two Army Meritorious Service Medals, the Ranger Tab, and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

For the past year and a half, Maj. Avey has provided exemplary and indispensable service to Members of Congress and staff as a Congressional Liaison Officer for the United States Army. In addition to assisting our offices on all matters relating to United States Army practice and policy, Maj. Avey has played an instrumental role in the design, development, and execution of Congressional Delegations, through which Members of Congress are afforded the invaluable opportunity to conduct firsthand oversight of areas of legislative concern.

Since joining the Army House Liaison Division, Maj. Avey has served as my primary military liaison and escort officer on several Congressional Delegations, including site visits to Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, and the Gaza Strip. Accordingly, I have had ample opportunity to witness the excellence, professionalism, and pride with which Maj. Avey conducts his work and in particular, the extent of his admirable commitment to ensuring the safety and security of Members and staff. In addition, I have also had the great privilege to come to know Maj. Avey on a personal level and can genuinely say that his character never fails to reflect the loyalty, honor, and distinction that have come to define his service in the United States Army.

Madam Speaker, Maj. Michael S. Avey stands as the personification of the United States Army's motto, "Army Strong." On behalf of the entire United States House of Representatives, I would like to express my deepest and sincerest gratitude to Maj. Avey for his exemplary and dedicated service and wish him, his wife, Margaret, his son, Brendan, and his daughter, Kate, the best of luck on all of their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on June 16, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and was not able to record my vote for rollcall No. 350.

Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 350—YES—On Motion that the Committee Rise. Making Appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, I was absent during rollcall vote No. 350 because the leadership had informed me that there would be no additional votes that evening. Had I been informed of this procedural vote, I would have been present and voted "aye" on the Motion that the Committee Rise.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, "Pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I obtained as part of H.R. 2892."

Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: FEMA, State and Local Programs/Emergency Operations Center

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Brazoria County Emergency Management

Description of Request: An earmark of \$100,000 to fund construction of an Emergency Operating Center in Brazoria County, Texas.

HONORING FR. FRANCIS THEODORE PFEIFER

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. GONZALEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Fr. Francis Theodore "Ted" Pfeifer, a public servant who has dedicated his life to serving others as a spiritual advisor and as an American missionary in Southern Mexico. Fr. Pfeifer has been a passionate advocate against the drug cartel in Mexico, a dedicated priest and kind friend to the San Antonio community.

Born in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, he moved to San Antonio, where he completed his theological and pastoral studies at the Oblate "De Mazenod Scholasticate," now the Oblate School of Theology. He served bravely for more than 23 years as an Oblate Missionary in the Mexican state of Oaxaca, tending to his pastoral duties as a missionary and assuming the additional duties of doctor, dentist, electrical journeyman, mechanic, construction foreman, expert in livestock, and most notably as a courageous leader against the drug cartel.

Fr. Pfeifer made history when he began preaching against the infiltration of the drug traders on the Southern Mexican villages in the early 1980's. His outspoken words from the pulpit against the drug cartel brought him face to face with death on numerous occasions. Once Fr. Pfeifer miraculously escaped with his life when bullets riddled the cab of his truck; rather than cowering at the death threats, he fearlessly persisted preaching against the cartel. He continued to fight the drug cartel with the Gospel and encouraged 15,000 locals in his vast parish to resist the threats, massacres and the alluring offers to use their farmland to grow the plants used for drugs.

The severity of the escalating drug cartel activity in the area prompted Fr. Pfeifer to reach out to my father, the late Congressman Henry B. Gonzalez. The Oblate's outreach to the U.S. government caught the attention of not just my father, but the then U.S. Speaker of the House Jim Wright and Congressman Albert Bustamante, who together played a pivotal role against the infiltration of the drug cartel in Mexico.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Fr. Pfeifer as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of his priestly ordination, a lifetime of bravery and the launch of his book "When the Wolves Came," a detailed chronicle of the rise of the illegal drug trade. He fought hard his entire life for the causes he believed in and never retreated at the sight of danger. Fr. Pfeifer's dedication to justice and the ongoing battle against the drug cartel are remarkable and I wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 349 and 350, I was inadvertently detained. I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 349 and "nay" on rollcall No. 350.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. The entity to receive